

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF ILLINOIS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY
LOU COWLISHAW

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. HASTERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable contributions of State Representative Mary Lou Cowlshaw over her nearly 20 years of service to the people of Illinois as a member of the Illinois General Assembly. Moreover, I am proud to have served alongside her during her first four years of service.

As a parent and former public school teacher, I would like to commend Representative Cowlshaw for her strong commitment to improving educational opportunities for the young people of Illinois. As the Ranking Member of the Illinois House Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and as a board member of the Lisle School District 202 Foundation, Representative Cowlshaw has done an exceptional job of advancing education and thereby securing the well-being and future success of all children in Illinois.

During her tenure in the Illinois General Assembly, Representative Cowlshaw's efforts contributed to the establishment of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy located in my congressional district. She has also worked tirelessly to advocate innovative approaches to increase student learning, improve teacher quality, and expand access to teaching in mathematics and science.

And, Representative Cowlshaw's exemplary dedication to the young people of Illinois extends well beyond the walls of the classroom. In fact, this past March, the Illinois Coalition to End Homelessness honored Representative Cowlshaw for her work to improve the educational rights of homeless students across the Nation.

When Representative Cowlshaw retires from the Illinois State House of Representatives at the end of this year, she should carry with her the knowledge that she has made the Illinois General Assembly, and particularly the State of Illinois, a better place.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. HOUSEHOLDER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Robert and Zema Householder are celebrating 70 years of marriage; and

Whereas, Robert and Zema have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Robert and Zema must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Robert and Zema have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Householder as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

HONORING DR. RICHARD WARREN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Franklin, Massachusetts in honoring Dr. Richard Warren for his 30 years of outstanding service to the Franklin Public School System and other districts throughout New England.

After receiving his bachelors' degree from Bryant College in 1964, Dr. Warren earned his Masters of Educational Administration and Supervision at Rhode Island College in 1973; his Certificate of Advanced Study at the University of Connecticut in 1978; and his Ph.D. in Education Administration at the University of Connecticut in 1980.

During his 30-plus years of service to public education in Franklin and New England, Dr. Warren has distinguished himself as both an educator and administrator. Whether it be as an elementary school teacher for the public school districts of Tiverton, Rhode Island and Fall River, Massachusetts; Supervising Principal for Scituate Public Schools of Scituate, Rhode Island; or Superintendent of Schools for Franklin, Ayer, Mansfield and Dartmouth School Districts in Massachusetts, Dr. Warren has maintained his life-long commitment to educating the children of our community.

Furthermore, Dr. Warren's passion and dedication to learning has never been confined to the classroom. He has served as Associate Director of the Northeast Community Education Development Center and Research-Associate for the Department of Education Administration at the University of Connecticut; Director of Community Services for Fall River Public Schools in Fall River, Massachusetts; and Coordinator of the Title I Extended School Day program. It is clear that Dr. Warren's passion and enthusiasm for education has rewarded not only the children of our public schools, but also our entire community.

Although Dr. Warren is retiring to spend more time with his wife, Linda; daughters, Lisa and Barbara; and his grandchildren, he intends to be active as an educational consultant. In his personal time, Dr. Warren enjoys music and gardening.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow members of U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Warren for all that he has done for the community of Franklin and other communities throughout Massachusetts and New England. He has served us well, and I wish him the best of luck in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DAN
MARSHALL

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Captain Dan Marshall of Greeley, Colorado. Captain Marshall has demonstrated exemplary leadership at the Air Force's 137th Space Warning Squadron in Greeley. For this, Mr. Speaker, the United States Congress commends Captain Marshall and wishes him the best of luck.

Throughout his career, Captain Marshall has accumulated such honors as being top of his class at USAF Undergraduate Space Training at Vandenberg Air Force Base in 1998 and having top qualifications as MGS Field Commander and Main Operating Base OTC. Captain Marshall is rated "Highly Qualified" in Space Operations, which is the best U.S. Space Command rating given by the military. In addition, Dan is a highly skilled pilot having earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation at Metropolitan State College in Denver, Colorado. Dan's continued service is admirable and greatly appreciated by his fellow Coloradans, Americans and me.

The United States military is vital to the future and national security of our great Nation, and the citizens of this country are indebted to Captain Marshall. His rank and educational achievements speak for themselves. Dan is a fine example to the youth of America and to all who share his devotion to our country.

As a citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Captain Marshall is truly a positive role model for the youth of America. Dan's community, state and country are proud of him. I ask the House to join me in extending our appreciation and well wishes to Captain Dan Marshall.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VIC-
TIMS OF THE KATYN FOREST
MASSACRE AND THE WORLD
TRADE CENTER ATTACKS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the victims of senseless and unspeakable atrocities. The New Jersey Division of the Polish American Congress sponsored a memorial service to remember those who lost their lives during the tragic Katyn Forest Massacre sixty-two years ago, and those killed during the attack on America, September 11, 2001. The service was held at the Katyn Monument site in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 15, 2002.

After Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union maliciously invaded Poland in 1939, the Polish

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citizenry fought bravely against both adversaries on two fronts. Unfortunately, in the process of valiantly defending their homeland, over fifteen thousand Polish soldiers, officers, intellectual leaders, prisoners of war, and other Polish citizens were brutally murdered. Perhaps one of the most unforgettable acts committed by the Soviet Union against Poland was later uncovered with the discovery of 4,500 bodies found in a single mass grave at the Katyn forest, near Smolensk in the Soviet Union. This horrendous discovery became known as the Katyn Forest Massacre.

And in an egregious attack against humanity, over three thousand Americans and citizens representing more than 80 nationalities were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. The heinous attacks on American soil reaffirmed our commitment to Democracy in defense of a free and open society, threatened by evil, injustice, hatred, and tyranny.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the lives lost in these tragedies. We shall never forget these acts of barbarism. And we shall never forget the innocent lives lost as we strive, as a People, to create a peaceful world.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2002: A TIME TO MOURN

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the good book tells us that there is a time for every purpose under heaven. There is a time to weep and a time to mourn. On September 6th I joined some 250 of my colleagues in this body as we traveled to Federal Hall in New York City to do just that.

We gathered at a place in which this Congress met and even adopted the Bill of Rights in 1789. We mourned with those who mourn and we wept with those who weep. The last time I was in New York City was September 21, 2001. I stood in the ashes and on the periphery of the devastation at Ground Zero and I expect tomorrow, as we all do, to be a deeply moving day emotionally.

As we join to pray, Mr. Speaker, let us ever remember that we are also told that there is a time for peace and there is a time for war. As we pray for the bereaved let us also pray for wisdom for our President and our leadership in this institution as we choose the times and the days ahead for war.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
RAYMOND EDWARD WARNER

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Raymond Warner has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Raymond Warner must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 212 and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Raymond Edward Warner as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

HONORING WILFREDO VAZQUEZ-
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HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Wilfredo Vazquez-Pol of Clinton, Massachusetts who retired on September 3, 2002 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency after many years of dedicated service.

Willie, as his friends and co-workers affectionately call him, has had a very illustrious career. He served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1965 and was stationed in Hawaii and served in Vietnam. He was an auditor with the U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Inspector General, and for the past 22 years, was a devoted member of the EPA/OIG staff where he was the Audit Manager in the Boston office since 1988. His hard work earned him the bronze Medal, the highest award given by the Inspector General.

Willie has been an outstanding citizen in Clinton and has given much of his personal time to community service. He helps provide translation services to Latino residents who have difficulty transitioning into the community. Willie is a member of the Clinton Lodge of Elks where he served as Exalted Ruler, and is also a member of the Clinton Hospital Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure to congratulate Willie on an outstanding career. I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in wishing him many years of good health and happiness in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO JERRY MORGENSEN

HON. BOB SCHAFFER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Jerry Morgensen, President and CEO of Hensel Phelps Construction in Greeley, Colorado. After the devastating attack on our Nation last September, Mr. Morgensen and his company were hired to rebuild the scarred west face of the Pentagon. Tonight, he is being awarded the Air Force Association's John R. Alison Award in recognition of his outstanding industrial leadership while renovating and rebuilding the home of our defense department.

Jerry Morgensen is a man who has served his country well during one of its darkest hours. Due to his innovation and leadership,

he and a team of dedicated men and women were able to rebuild the Pentagon in less than one year, defying the terrorists and fostering a sense of healing in the citizens who watched the building's dramatic transformation. I am proud of the tremendous work Mr. Morgensen has done, not only to rebuild the Pentagon, but to reinvigorate our national spirit.

A citizen of Colorado's Fourth Congressional District, Jerry Morgensen is truly a great American. I ask the House to join me in extending our sincere thanks and warmest congratulations to Mr. Jerry Morgensen.

IN MEMORY OF STEVEN SNYDER,
CHAMPION OF THE PERSECUTED

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, on August 27, 2002, one of the leading advocates for the persecuted passed away. His name was Rev. Steven Snyder and I knew him well. Steve cared as much as anyone I know for the persecuted. His efforts and labor on behalf of the voiceless and the persecuted, raised awareness of cases and problems in far away places that few would have known without his voice. Mr. Speaker, I will insert following these remarks an article from the Washington Times which describes how Steve made such a difference with his life.

Steven was the founder and president of International Christian concern, an organization dedicated to raise awareness of and to advocate for the plight of persecuted Christians around the world. Prior to founding International Christian Concern, Steve was the director of Christian Solidarity International, where he also was a strong and vocal advocate for the persecuted.

Steve was a pioneer in exposing to the world the horrible persecution and brutality that is occurring to people just because of their religious beliefs. Steve's efforts and his voice resounded in the halls of power throughout the world. His advocacy and speaking out on the persecuted, influenced Members of Congress and government officials from around the world to intervene and become involved in what would have otherwise been unknown issues.

In order to see and learn first-hand of persecution, Steve risked his life many times by personally traveling to very dangerous parts of the world, where he not only was a witness to human rights abuses, but where he also brought hope and love to the suffering.

Steve was a remarkable man who did incredible things in his 53 years for the suffering all over the world. Steve will be sorely missed. He deserves the words from Matthew 25, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

We send our condolences to his wife Connie and four children Sarah de Vuyst, Lori Slaubaugh, Joshua Snyder and Sean Snyder.

[From the Washington Times, Aug. 29, 2002]

SNYDER DIES AT 53; ADVOCATED CHRISTIAN
FREEDOM ABROAD

(By Larry Witham)

The Rev. Steven L. Snyder, a tireless global traveler and advocate for voiceless Christians abroad who faced religious persecution under communist and Islamic regimes, died Monday night of an infection. He was 53.

The evangelical minister, a native of the San Diego area, began his advocacy work as the U.S. director of Christian Solidarity International, which in the 1980s focused on persecution under communism. In 1995, he founded International Christian Concern to extend the work to Islamic countries.

The Silver Spring resident and father of four was acknowledged yesterday as a pioneer voice on the topic of Christian persecution when it was not high on Washington's human rights agenda.

Mr. Snyder also took risks to penetrate such countries as Sudan, Vietnam, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, China and Pakistan to bring out accurate information, documents and video footage of underground churches or persecuted minorities.

"He was a faithful servant of people persecuted for their faith," said U.S. Ambassador at Large for Religious Liberty John V. Hanford III, who had met and worked with Mr. Snyder in 1985. "He stayed with it despite the constant discouragement that comes with human rights work."

"Steven labored in this vineyard long before the movement against persecution captured the imagination of evangelicals," said the Rev. Richard Cizik, Washington director of the National Association of Evangelicals. "What a faithful friend he was of the persecuted."

Friends and human-rights workers who knew Mr. Snyder noted his on-the-ground work, desire to highlight those who suffered rather than himself, and a kind of perpetual sad look in his eyes from seeing such grim events abroad—and so little interest at home.

"When not many people cared about this issue, he worked at it faithfully and strenuously," said Paul Marshall, a scholar of religion with Freedom House. "He didn't just report, he went to dangerous places. He did his research with his boots on."

Dr. David Harding, a family physician who is on the six-member board of International Christian Concern, traveled to Indonesia with Mr. Snyder in November to provide medical aid to Christians being persecuted by Muslims on the island of Sulawesi.

"Steven is going to be very difficult to replace," Dr. Harding said. "He made every effort to get the facts right, and he had a way of finding all the right people and getting at the truth of a situation."

Pat Bradley, a St. Louis businessman who first met Mr. Snyder in 1999, recalls their two-week fact-finding trip to Sudan in February 2000.

"For two days we drove into the south from Uganda on what we thought was the bumpiest road in the world, until we got to Sudan's roads," Mr. Bradley said. "Between us we had seen bad places, but by far this was the worst."

It was 105-degree bush country, he said. "These people had literally nothing. No food or clothing. They were victims of a scorched-earth policy, and some were tortured."

On return from Sudan in 2000, Mr. Snyder drafted a detailed report for Capitol Hill and the State Department, and made it available to news organizations.

During a trip to China in 1999, Mr. Snyder brought in Bibles and met with leaders of the underground church. Some of the people who went to hear his presentations remember the vivid images and footage he brought back of nighttime river baptisms.

Staff at the State Department yesterday also took the news with sorrow. One staffer asked a reporter whether Mr. Snyder had worked at State because everybody knew him.

"Steve was a foot soldier for religious freedom," said Tom Phar, director of international religious liberty at the State De-

partment. "He traveled the world working on behalf of people being persecuted for their faith. He was an effective advocate and a good friend."

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Snyder was rushed to the Holy Cross Hospital emergency room with a high fever, and friends recall that because the diagnosis was severe he asked them to "pray for a miracle." He died about 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Snyder lost his spleen in an operation six years ago, and doctors said that weakened his ability to fight the infection, which rapidly taxed his entire system.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Snyder of Silver Spring, and four children: Sarah de Vuyst of Ukraine; Lori Slaubaugh of Rollin, N.D.; Joshua Snyder of Boulder, Colo.; and Sean, 16.

Visitations may be made tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Collins Funeral Home at 500 University Blvd. W. in Silver Spring. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel's Church at 16819 New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations "to help the persecuted church" be sent to International Christian Concern, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Box 941, Washington, DC 20006-1846.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANITA ADAMS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Anita Adams, Auditor of Muskingum County, has for the tenth straight year, earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; and,

Whereas, this award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is an honor given to local governments that publish comprehensive financial reports meeting the standards on the GFOA; and,

Whereas, Anita has shown continuous dedication to the people of Muskingum County;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in applauding Anita Adams for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

IN RECOGNITION OF FAIRLAWN REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital in my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1987, Fairlawn served as a small acute community hospital. However, over a period of time it has evolved into the first facility in the United States to fully convert into a rehabilitation provider. Currently, an average of 100 inpatients and 100 outpatients are treated everyday to help people reach their fullest potential to make for a joyful and productive life.

Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital is in joint collaboration with the Fallon Clinic, UMASS

Memorial Health Center, and HEALTHSOUTH Corporation. Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital specializes in many rehab programs: brain injury, orthopedics, geriatrics, stroke, spinal cord injury, pulmonary, amputee, neurological cardiac, and burns are included. The incredible care and dedication to the patients' of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 19, 2002, Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital celebrates its Fifteenth Anniversary. It is fitting that this facility is recognized for its efforts in improving the lives of people with disabilities in Central Massachusetts. I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in thanking the employees of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital for their dedication and service to the people of Central Massachusetts.

IN MEMORY OF ADEL A. ZAKHARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Adel A. Zakhary, a friend and neighbor to many, who lost his life in the World Trade Center tragedy on September 11, 2001. A memorial service took place in his honor on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at Saint George Catholic Orthodox Church in Jersey City.

An immigrant from Egypt, Adel lived the American dream, making America his home with his wife, Nagat, son, George, and daughter, Mariam. He was dedicated and tireless in his work, and in providing for his family. On September 11, he went to work on the 92nd floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center, as he had done for 18 years.

In one of the most unforgivable acts against humanity, over three thousand people were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Adel was among those individuals who were tragically lost. The horrific attacks have strengthened us in our resolve to fight evil and intolerance in pursuit of freedom, justice, and democracy.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Adel A. Zakhary, a loving husband and father, who will never be forgotten. Let us join together not only to grieve this tremendous loss, but also to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments in his life. I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Adel.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002: TRIBUTE TO
FREEDOM

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the United States of America is founded on the fundamental principle that all citizens have the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The United States of America stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity for everyone regardless of race, creed or religious belief.

The strength and vitality of the United States of America is in the diversity of its people, the diversity of its ideas, the freedom to express those ideas and the opportunity to achieve one's potential and direct one's destiny.

Mr. Speaker, these ideals and principles are absolute and will not be surrendered or weakened by the cowardly acts of terrorists who fear the sunshine of freedom and the responsibility it brings.

Let us forever remember that the date September 11 reaffirms the principles for which the United States of America was founded and that on this day each year freedom shall ring from every community in this great land and the Voice of America will be heard around the world.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. DILLON**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon were united in marriage July 31, 1977 and are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Dillon as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

**HONORING MARTHA EZELL
"MAMA" TUNE FOR A LIFETIME
OF ACHIEVEMENT**

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha Ezell Tune, "Mama Tune," of Antioch, Tennessee, for a lifetime of devotion to family, faith, and community.

Mama Tune's contributions to Davidson County, and particularly, the Antioch area, have impacted many. Whether it be her involvement and leadership in civic matters, cooking meals for family and friends, working the polls on election day, writing a history of the Antioch community, or substitute teaching at Antioch High School, Mama Tune is an individual who is an inspiration to us all.

A Tennessee native, Mama Tune graduated from Antioch High School in 1941, alongside her brother, James. That same year she married James Tune. The two enjoyed 50 years together and had two children, Buford and Sam, and three grandchildren. Mama Tune's sons are successful Middle Tennessee business owners.

Tune received her education from Middle Tennessee Teacher's College and the Univer-

sity of Alabama. She taught at Una Elementary School for several years. She has been teaching in the Metropolitan Davidson County School System as a teacher or substitute teacher for fifty years and currently substitutes at Antioch High School on a regular basis. Many times she teaches students whose parents she once taught in school. Her profound influence for the good has shaped many lives over the years.

Mama Tune often touts the accomplishments of the students she taught at Antioch. She pours more than knowledge into their lives: she pours love and they do not ever forget it.

The Clement family has known and appreciated the friendship of the Tune and Ezell families for a number of years. In particular, we have enjoyed many conversations and meals at their home, including such southern delicacies as homemade chocolate pie, cornbread, green beans, fried chicken, and macaroni and cheese. Mama Tune is well known for her cooking and included a number of her best-loved recipes in the book, "All I Know About Antioch High School, The Town, and My Life."

Individuals like Mama Tune are those who make this nation great—individuals who are willing to give of themselves and their time for the betterment of the state and the community through acts of kindness and love. Today we honor her for a lifetime of achievement.

**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001**

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this Joint Resolution and in doing so, I stand in solemn remembrance of the tragic events of a year ago and a pride in America's response.

While the loss of life was immense, and the impact of the terrorist attacks was felt far from New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the terrorists failed. The group of men, and the larger organization they represented, wanted to break the will of a proud and strong country. The world stands in witness to their failure.

Instead of falling apart, our country united. Our brave first responders worked tirelessly to help survivors; we saw ordinary citizens involved in heroic efforts; and all across the country Americans joined together to offer assistance.

The outpouring of support and unity could be seen in every flag that was flown with pride across this country. The United States of America rose to the challenge presented to it with a resolve that was felt around the world.

Now, on our first Patriot Day, when we see our flag at half-mast, let us not only remember the tragic events of a year ago, but also the strength exhibited by all Americans. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution, expressing solidarity on this day of remembrance.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR
SENIORS**

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of millions of seniors across our nation who are forced to choose between buying their food, paying their rent, or purchasing their medicine. For too many seniors, this is truly a life or death situation that none of them should have to face.

Unfortunately, this Congress is just weeks away from adjourning for the session and we are still no closer to enacting a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Over two months ago, we had an opportunity to debate and vote on a bill that would provide a meaningful prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program. The "Medicare Rx Drug Benefit and Discount Act (H.R. 5019)" would add a new "Part D" to the Medicare program with voluntary prescription drug coverage for any senior that chooses to enroll. Participating seniors would pay a set \$25 per month premium and a \$100 a year deductible. In return, Medicare would cover 80% of all drug costs up to \$2,000 a year. Once a senior reached the \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit, Medicare would then pay for all drug costs beyond that point.

The House leadership refused to allow this bill on the floor. Instead, in the dead of night, while our nation's seniors were fast asleep, a majority in the House passed a bill that might as well have been written by the pharmaceutical industry. No substitute was allowed and no amendments could be offered. There was nothing even remotely bipartisan about that evening.

The bill that passed at 2:30 a.m. on June 28 does not establish a prescription drug plan under Medicare. Instead, it relies on private insurers who are free to design their own plans, charge their own prices, decide which drugs to cover, and tell our seniors what pharmacies they may use. It does nothing to bring down rising drug costs nor does it address the issue of reimportation. Most importantly, the House leadership knows this bill has no chance of passing the Senate. It was a political gesture, not a policy priority.

Where does this leave our nations seniors? They are still being forced to choose between food, shelter, and their medicine. They are still paying exorbitant prices for the same medications that are available in Canada and overseas for a fraction of the cost. They are still waiting for this House to act in a responsible manner.

My House colleagues on both sides of the aisle, we still have time—it is not too late. Let's work together in a bipartisan manner to meet our parties' respective promises to the American people and provide meaningful prescription drug benefits. Together we can bring hope and relief to our nation's seniors and pass a real Medicare prescription drug plan before this Congress adjourns.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 10, I was unavoidably detained due to my involvement in the Maryland primary. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: "Aye," on rollcall No. 378, on motion to close portions of the conference on H.R. 5010; "Aye," on rollcall No. 379, on motion that the House instruct conferees on H.R. 3210; "Aye," on rollcall No. 380, on agreeing to the Journal; "Aye," on rollcall No. 381, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 513; "Aye," on rollcall No. 382, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H.R. 3880; and "Aye," on rollcall No. 383, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Con. Res. 320.

STATUE DONATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the city of Leidschendam-Voorburg in the Netherlands for their act of friendship towards their sister city, Temecula, California.

As a way to express their sentiments of sorrow and sympathy for the events that occurred on September 11th, the citizens of Voorburg have graciously donated the statue "Singing in the Rain," by Frans Kokshoorn to the city of Temecula. The residents of Voorburg donated thousands of dollars to have this statue built and shipped to Temecula for its installation on this day of remembrance.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the events of one year ago, I would like to join the city of Temecula in thanking the city and citizens of Leidschendam-Voorburg for this genuine gesture of kindness during a difficult time for every American.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SECURITY ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge support for The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Security Act.

The National Institutes of Health, founded in 1887, is one of the world's foremost medical research centers, and the Federal focal point for medical research in the U.S. Comprised of 27 separate components, mainly Institutes and Centers, NIH has in excess of 75 buildings on more than 300 acres in Bethesda, Maryland.

The research centers at NIH study some of the most infectious diseases in the world, including anthrax, smallpox and West Nile virus, as well as nuclear waste and radioactive material. Unfortunately, because of the work NIH

does, they present a prime target for terrorists that wish to do America harm. Therefore, it must be a paramount goal of this Congress to ensure that NIH can protect itself against an attack. Presently, NIH does not have the ability to do so.

After September 11, Congress authorized the 322-acre biomedical research facility to bolster its security by doubling its police ranks from 64 officers to 108. This decision was made by U.S. intelligence experts who determined that the NIH campus is vulnerable and a potential target for terrorist attack and/or infiltration and theft of protected materials and research. Unfortunately, the force has never reached such heights due to its current pay and retirement system.

NIH police are one of the lowest paid in the Washington-Metropolitan area. The minimum salary for NIH police, \$26,415, falls thousands short of what's offered by some federal agencies, and even by some local police departments. Making matters worse, NIH police are not classified as federal "law enforcement officers," and are thereby denied the superior retirement benefits that distinction affords. The result is in low retention of officers and difficulty with recruitment. Without retirements included, there exists a 77 percent attrition rate at NIH yearly. Currently, the force has faced such problems with officer retention and recruitment that by June, its numbers had dwindled to about 50.

Due to the severity of the situation and the resources that NIH protects, I am introducing legislation that would allow NIH to bolster its security force. This bill would add no additional costs to the federal government, it would simply allow some long overdue flexibility to be used by NIH. This would include:

Making NIH Police "Federal Law Enforcement Officers," which allows their officers who are doing the same essential work as other "law enforcement officers" to receive commensurate salaries and retirement pay.

Allowing NIH police to carry firearms, serve warrants and subpoenas, and make arrests without warrant for any offense against the U.S.

Conducting investigations within the U.S. for offenses committed on property occupied by NIH.

Without these changes, we are undoubtedly allowing a prime target to remain vulnerable to terrorists. Protecting the 4-million square foot research hospital, the third largest federal building in the world, must be a priority of this Congress and I urge support for this legislation.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SHAYNA L. SMITH

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Shayna Smith has devoted herself to education during her enrollment at Wheeling Jesuit University; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has spent countless hours in the pursuit of academic excellence; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthu-

siasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Shayna Smith must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in graduating from Wheeling Jesuit University;

Therefore, I join the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Shayna Smith as she receives her Bachelor of Science from Wheeling Jesuit University Scout Award.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BOB STANLEY

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a constituent of mine, Mr. Bob Stanley. I am proud to recognize Mr. Stanley for more than twenty years of devoted service to the trucking industry and the state of West Virginia.

For the last nineteen years, Mr. Stanley has been the Managing Director and President of the West Virginia Motor Truck Association. During his prestigious years as President, Mr. Stanley has built an organization that is financially strong and well respected throughout the state of West Virginia. As a voice for the trucking industry, he is also highly respected and regarded as a true professional and gentleman.

Prior to his employment in the trucking industry, Mr. Stanley served twenty-six years with the West Virginia State Police. In 1979, Bob Stanley retired as Lt. Colonel/Deputy Superintendent.

It is an honor to commend Mr. Stanley on his service to the trucking industry as well as to the state of West Virginia.

HONORING SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT BILL CIRONE

HON. LOIS CAPPIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. CAPPIS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to pay tribute to the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, Bill Cirone. I have known Bill for many years, dating back to the days when I was a school nurse in the Santa Barbara County schools, and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to honor him today.

On October 3, 2002, the Emmaus of Santa Barbara will present the 2002 Richard Breza Service to Santa Barbara Award to Bill Cirone. I can think of no more deserving person than Bill to receive this award, as he has served Santa Barbara County Schools for the past 20 years in his position as Superintendent. Bill has created the nationally acclaimed Santa Barbara "Center for Community Education and Citizen Participation" and has constantly emphasized the importance of community service in our schools. Bill has served on the board of directors or advisory committees for many organizations, including the University of California at Santa Barbara Gevirtz Research Center, the National Association of Partners in

Education, the Santa Barbara Industry Education Council, the Santa Barbara Foundation, the Thomas Jefferson Center for Character Education and the Santa Barbara Grand Opera Association.

Santa Barbara's County Schools are truly a product of Bill's creativity and passion for excellence. He has influenced the lives of thousands of children, their parents, and community members as a whole. It is always refreshing to see Bill at community events, as he serves as an example of someone who cares so deeply about our children's futures. There are so many extraordinary people on California's central coast, but there is no doubt that there is a special place in my heart for Bill Cirone.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to pay tribute to our wonderful Superintendent on this glorious occasion.

THE PRAIRIE ROSE CHAPTER OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION SALUTES
CONSTITUTION WEEK

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, the week of September 17–23 has been officially designated as Constitution Week under Public Law 105–225. This marks the 215th anniversary of the signing of our Constitution.

The guardian of our liberties, our Constitution established our republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law. This document is the cornerstone of our freedom. It was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. Without that restraint, our founders believed the republic would perish.

The ideals upon which our Constitution is based are reinforced each day by the success of our political system to which it gave birth. The success of our way of government requires an enlightened citizenry.

Constitution Week provides an opportunity for all Americans to recall the achievements of our founders, the nature of limited government, and the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. It provides the opportunity to be better informed about our rights, freedoms and duties as citizens.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I particularly want to take note of the outstanding work of the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which is actively involved in the Third Congressional District in events this week commemorating Constitution Week. The Prairie Rose Chapter has been involved with this effort in our communities for a number of years and I commend them for doing so.

Our Constitution has served us well for over 200 years, but it will continue as a strong, vibrant, and vital foundation for freedom only so long as the American people remain dedicated to the basic principles on which it rests. Thus, as the United States continues into its third century of constitutional democracy, let us renew our commitment to, in the words of our Constitution's preamble: "form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, pro-

mote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity . . ." I know that the Prairie Rose Chapter of the Kansas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joins with me in urging all Americans to renew their commitment to, and understanding of, our Constitution, particularly during our current time of crisis, when Americans have been attacked on our own soil by terrorists who do not recognize the rule of human law.

HONORING DAN WILFORD

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Dan S. Wilford on the occasion of his retirement as president of Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, based in Houston, Texas. For the past 18 years, Mr. Wilford has served as Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hermann, with 11 hospitals in the greater Houston area, an outpatient center, two nursing homes, a wellness center, a retirement community and a network of affiliates throughout southeast Texas. Under his leadership, Memorial Hermann has become the largest non-profit health care system in Texas and among the largest in the country.

As a member of University of Mississippi's class of 1962, Mr. Wilford was inducted into the University's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1995. He earned his Master's Degree in Hospital Administration at Washington University in St. Louis in 1966 and completed his residency in hospital administration at Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Prior to his arrival at Memorial Hermann, Mr. Wilford served in various administrative capacities for 20 years. He was associated with Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa for 10 years in addition to serving as president of North Mississippi Health Services in Tupelo, Mississippi from 1974 to 1984.

Mr. Wilford has proudly served on the board of directors of many professional organizations. He is active in Voluntary Hospitals of America, Texas Hospital Association, American Hospital Association, Hospital Research and Development Institute, American College of Healthcare Executives, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Area and Fort Bend County Chambers of Commerce, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast and First United Methodist Church of Sugar Land, Texas. Through his commitment to these organizations, Mr. Wilford has set himself apart as a leader and activist in the health care community.

His dedication to the health care profession has lead many acclaimed institutions to recognize Mr. Wilford's achievements. In 1995, he was the recipient of the Washington University Health Administration Program Distinguished Alumnus Award, received an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from Houston Baptist University and was named Business Leader of the Year in Fort Bend County, Texas. Two years later, he received the American College of Healthcare Executives Gold Medal Award and was presented with the Earl C. Collier Award by the Texas Hospital Association.

In addition to his many professional achievements and honors, Mr. Wilford is a re-

tired National Football League official who has actively participated in sports throughout his life.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wilford has established a legacy by building a health care system with a strong commitment to spiritual values and community-focused care. With his retirement from Memorial Hermann, Mr. Wilford celebrates the conclusion of a stellar 40-year career in hospital management and I congratulate him on his unwavering commitment to health care and inspirational leadership.

HONORING DR. NOEL SMITH OF
WACO, TEXAS, A TRUE UNSUNG
HERO

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Texan, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco, who had the vision for an independent public television station in Central Texas. Earning a Ph.D. in Distance Learning from Texas A&M University, Dr. Smith rose to become the Chair of the Telecommunications Department at Central Texas College in Waco, where he effectively used his talents as teacher, mentor, and counselor to improve the lives of many Texans.

It was at Central Texas College that Dr. Smith became actively involved in his lifelong commitment to KCTF Television. In its early days as a stand-alone station, KCTF experienced more problems than shining moments. But in 1994, when its owners withdrew support for the station, Dr. Smith rallied a committed group of Waco citizens who convinced the Chancellor and Trustees of Central Texas College to sell them the license.

Once Dr. Smith's group bought the license, the hard work began. It was as though everyone at the station was performing on a high wire without a net. Yet somehow, Dr. Smith stayed faithful to the vision of creating a community public television station and, thankfully, his vision became a reality. Brazos Valley Public Broadcasting, as it was now called, was born. KCTF would eventually become KWBU, and KWBU would expand to include public radio. Dr. Smith articulated his vision in the KWBU Mission Statement:

"KWBU shall serve as an essential lifelong resource providing quality public television and radio programs and services for the enrichment of the lives of the residents of McLennan County."

Mr. Speaker, Not many ideas make it from vision to reality. But this one has because Noel Smith has worked tirelessly to ensure that public television in Central Texas achieves that mission.

In his professional life, Dr. Noel Smith has held many national positions of leadership that have contributed to the growth of public broadcasting. He served with distinction on the board of directors of the Southern Educational Communications Association, now the National Educational Telecommunications Association, and he was a member of the PBS Board of Directors. He has used his leadership to effectively represent the interests of small market licensees.

During the course of his career, Dr. Smith has accomplished a tremendous amount of

good. In addition to leading the growth of KWBU, Dr. Noel Smith is an ordained Baptist minister, and certainly appreciates the many blessings in his life, including a long marriage to his wife Judy, his three wonderful daughters and numerous grandchildren.

This story does not end on the expected happy note. At this writing, Noel is very ill. But something of Noel Smith will always be a part of KWBU and public broadcasting in Central Texas.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the life and accomplishments of an unsung hero, Dr. Noel Smith of Waco, Texas. The people of my District are better off today because of his commitment to turn his vision for public television into reality.

HONORING FRESNO CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their devotion to protecting the citizens and community of Fresno. The year 2002 marks the 125th Anniversary of the Fresno City Fire Department, which will be celebrated at the 4th Annual Fresno City Firefighters' Chili Cook-Off on September 14th, 2002 at California State University of Fresno.

In 1877, Leopold Gundelfinger and other citizens formed a Hook and Ladder Company in order to protect the city from fires. Unfortunately, in 1882, fire destroyed the original Hook and Ladder Company, but was replaced by dedicated volunteers who were named "Fresno Alert No. 1." The Fresno Fire Department was officially created in 1902 and has protected a large portion of the Central Valley ever since. In 1984, a grant was established to create a community volunteer fire prevention program called "Burn Aware." The goals of the volunteers were to implement and create a wide spread network of fire prevention programs.

In 2002, the Fresno City Fire Department received national praise for its inventive and advanced approach to alternate methods of providing municipal fire protection. This fire protection agency has the highest ideals in providing fire protection service and is a leader in California. The special occasion will include a chili-tasting contest among fire departments from throughout the Valley, live rescue demonstrations, and fun for the entire family.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to honor the Fresno City Fire Department for their dedicated and selfless service to the Central Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing this organization many more years of continued success.

HONORING LEVITTOWN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES C. GREENWOOD

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. GREENWOOD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate

the golden anniversary of a community in my district that revolutionized suburban living in America: Levittown, Pennsylvania. In honor of this anniversary, I would like to submit the following proclamation for the record:

Whereas Levittown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was created fifty years ago, beginning with twenty families who moved into their homes on June 23, 1952;

Whereas this benchmark in American housing resulted from the collaboration of attorney Abraham Levitt and his sons, architect Alfred S. Levitt and businessman William J. Levitt;

Whereas William Levitt's innovative mass-production technique resulted in 17,000 affordable homes that were constructed at a record pace;

Whereas these new and vibrant neighborhoods were spread among the Bucks County municipalities of Falls, Middletown, and Bristol Townships, and Tullytown Borough;

Whereas Levitt created not only the prototypical suburban home with its spacious interiors and fully landscaped exteriors, but he also designed entire neighborhoods that grew into coherent communities;

Whereas Levittown became the realization of the American Dream for thousands of families, many of who served their country during the Second World War;

Whereas Levittown has evolved into the quintessential example of America's melting pot middle class, as it houses a diverse population of ethnicities and religious traditions;

Be it resolved, therefore, that the U.S. House of Representatives recognize the fiftieth anniversary of Levittown, an anniversary that marks an epochal achievement in American housing.

HONORING ANTHONY A. LUCIANO WITH HUDSON FALLS ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD

HON. JOHN E. SWEENEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SWEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished constituent of the 22nd District of New York; Mr. Anthony A. Luciano. Mr. Luciano's lifelong dedication to his family, his profession and his community have rightly earned him the Hudson Falls Italian-American Civic Club Annual Recognition Award.

Over the past fifty years, as a husband, a father, a teacher, a coach and a mentor, Mr. Luciano has been an exemplary contributor to his community. As a devoted faculty member of the Hudson Falls Central Schools from 1948-1983, he victoriously led the cross country team to four Boys Northern Conference Titles and three Section 2 Class B Championships. In addition to achieving seven Northern Conference Championships with his basketball team, he remains a respected member of the Section 2 Basketball Committee since 1955. His skills and dedication to his players further continued in track. In this sport Mr. Luciano successfully coached his team to fifteen Northern Conference Dual Meet Championships, nine Northern Conference Invitation Meet Championships, seven Section 2 Class B Championships and five Washington County

Invitation Championships. I am proud to mention he has since been inducted into both the Glens Falls Heritage Hall of Fame and the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements.

Mr. Luciano has truly set standards for excellence in his profession and service to the community. For forty years, he remained a trusted member of the Washington County Children's Committee, serving two 2-year terms as co-chairperson with his wife, Mary. In 1983, he received the Prestigious Private Sector Initiative Commendation from President Ronald Reagan in recognition of his exemplary community service in the finest American tradition. His extraordinary charity and kindness has not gone unnoticed locally. Mr. Luciano received awards from the Hudson Falls/Kingsbury Chamber of Commerce, Hudson Falls Rotary Club and the Fort Edward Historical Association, to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to honor Mr. Luciano's selfless contributions to his community before Congress. He is truly a role model for future generations to emulate and I wish him the very best in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on June 17, 24, and 25, 2002, and on September 9 and 10, 2002. Consequently, I missed the following recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on roll call votes no. 230, 231, 232, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, and 380.

HONORING CHESTERFIELD SMITH

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished citizen of Florida, Mr. Chesterfield Smith. Chesterfield Smith's inspiring dedication to our judicial system, social commitment to the legal profession, and remarkable personal and professional accomplishments serve as a model of American achievement. I rise today to congratulate him on his most recent accolade, the 2002 Justice Award from the Judicature Society.

Founded in 1913, the American Judicature Society (AJS) is a prestigious national, non-partisan organization of judges, lawyers, and non-lawyers dedicated to promoting the effective administration of justice. This award serves as AJS's highest distinction, recognizing a lifetime of dedication to the improvement of the administration of justice at a national level.

Chesterfield Smith's dedication to the legal profession embodies the underlying principles upon which this country was founded with his dedication to justice and his desire to help others, bringing us closer to the ideals outlined in

the U.S. Constitution—justice, equality and true brotherhood. His distinguished career includes service as President of the American Bar Association and the Florida Bar Association. He demonstrated his faithfulness to the legal profession as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and as a member of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers.

After graduating with honors from the University of Florida College of Law, he went on to become a principal architect of Holland and Knight, LLP, one of the nation's largest and most respected law firms. As chair of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, he accepted the challenge of revising and redrafting Florida's Constitution for the first time in fifty years.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the House floor today to pay tribute to Chesterfield Smith and his many lifetime achievements. I congratulate him on receiving the distinguished 2002 Justice Award. His remarkable life's work as an accomplished public servant is deserving of such notoriety, and I consider him to be a true leader of the 21st Century.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, on September 11, I was in the 4th Congressional District to honor the heroes and victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

I take my voting responsibility very seriously and would like the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to reflect that, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on recorded vote number 384.

CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ELPIS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate St. Elpis Greek Orthodox Church of Hopewell, Virginia on its 85th anniversary.

In 1914, Dupont Chemicals decided to expand their plant in Hopewell in support of WWI. Consequently, ads were posted throughout Europe to recruit immigrants as laborers and engineers for this plant. About 6000 Greeks responded to this ad with the promise of a new future in America. Upon arrival in Hopewell, these Greeks sought to preserve their heritage and religion by building the first Greek Orthodox Church in Virginia.

The tremendous sacrifice made by these early parishioners to establish St. Elpis was great. Their devotion and commitment to preserving their Greek heritage and religion enabled the parishioners to overcome great obstacles over the years and has enabled the church to continue to thrive. This spirit is as vibrant today as it was 85 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate St. Elpis and its parishioners, as they celebrate the 85th anniversary of the founding of their church and I wish them continued success and prosperity in

the years to come. It is truly an honor and a privilege to recognize St. Elpis in the United States House of Representatives this day.

TRIBUTE TO THE MITRE CORPORATION IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

HON. ROBERT E. (BUD) CRAMER, JR.

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the MITRE Corporation in celebration of twenty years in Huntsville, Alabama. As you know, the MITRE Corporation is a private, independent, not-for-profit organization that provides government agencies with technical support that is not available through the government or contractor community.

For 2 decades, the Army, NASA, and Department of Defense programs headquartered at Redstone Arsenal have relied on the MITRE Corporation's Huntsville Site Office for objective technical expertise. Since the MITRE Corporation cannot manufacture products or compete with the industry, the support it provides Redstone Arsenal is in alignment with the government's objectives and free from competitive pressures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the MITRE Corporation for 20 years of excellent service to the North Alabama defense and NASA community. In 1982, this Site Office began with one person and now employs a staff of 33. On this milestone anniversary celebration, I send the employees of the MITRE Corporation my thanks and wish them many more years of success in Huntsville, Alabama.

IN RECOGNITION OF LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELLEN O. TAUSCHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and its staff for their outstanding contributions to science and to the security of our Nation throughout the past 50 years.

The Laboratory was established in 1952 to help meet an urgent national security need and has made numerous advances to keep the Nation at peace and secure.

Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Laboratories developed the nuclear weapons that have deterred world wars. The labs are ensuring the continuing safety, security, and reliability of our Nation's nuclear weapons stockpile in the absence of nuclear testing.

Breakthroughs at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory led to the development of the high-yield warheads that greatly contributed to strategic deterrence throughout the Cold War.

The Laboratory has provided technical support to arms control negotiations and treaty implementation, including negotiations and treaties to reduce the size of nuclear arsenals, prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons

and technologies, and limit nuclear weapons testing.

The Laboratory has greatly contributed to efforts of the United States intelligence community to understand nuclear weapons-related activities worldwide, and today is using its capabilities to defend our nation against terrorism.

The Laboratory is also a leader in science and has worked on technologies to provide us with long term energy security.

The Laboratory has developed environmental restoration technologies that are being used to rapidly clean up groundwater contamination at Superfund sites and is developing simulation capabilities to better understand changes in the earth's climate.

The Laboratory is identifying the source of genetic diseases and developing improved detectors of biological agents.

Livermore scientists produced work that won a Nobel Prize for Physics in 1998 and numerous advances in astrophysics.

Technology development at the Laboratory has broadly contributed to the Nation's technical prowess and the competitiveness of United States industry, as evidenced by the winning of 85 prestigious R&D 100 awards.

Lastly, the Laboratory contributes broadly to higher education, as well as elementary and secondary educational efforts throughout Northern California and educational outreach directed at minority groups nationwide.

On its 50th anniversary, I would like to congratulate the Laboratory, its staff, and former employees for their dedicated service to our Nation, outstanding contributions to national security, a strong tradition of scientific and technical excellence, and continuing efforts to make the world more secure and a better place to live.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO: SALVADOR A. LOPEZ

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Mr. Salvador A. Lopez of Glade Park, Colorado for the selfless act of courage he displayed last March of 2002. On September 18, Mr. Lopez will be awarded the prestigious Special Carrier Alert Award from the National Association of Letter Carriers, and as he receives his award, I would like to pay tribute to his extraordinary act of courage. Mr. Lopez is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Grand Junction, Colorado, where he has worked for the last 28 years. Not too long ago, while he was busy delivering mail along his route, Mr. Lopez noticed a runaway car with a child inside who was too young to take control of the vehicle. Mr. Lopez hurriedly ran alongside of the car, jumped into the car window, and pulled the emergency break. Fortunately, Mr. Lopez was able to stop the vehicle before the car drove into a busy intersection which could have brought certain injury to himself and the child. Due to Mr. Lopez's quick thinking and heroic actions, the child only suffered minor bruises, while Mr. Lopez escaped with three broken ribs. Last April, the Carnegie Hero Fund honored Mr. Lopez with one of its 23 nationally recognized awards for

his heroism. Tomorrow, he will be recognized again by the National Association of Letter Carriers for his courageous actions here in Washington D.C. The true magnitude of his bravery can only be fully illustrated by the fact that the child whom he saved, Nicholas Reyes, will have the opportunity to reach his full potential. Mr. Speaker, it is a distinct honor to recognize Mr. Salvador A. Lopez before this body of Congress and this nation for his bravery and composure in a time of adversity. Mr. Lopez's courage is an example of what all Americans throughout the country are capable of demonstrating when faced with extraordinary circumstances. Congratulations on your achievement, Salvador, and good luck in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DAVE MANEY

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dave Maney of Augusta, Georgia. Mr. Maney is Experience Works' 2001 Older Worker of the Year for the State of Georgia.

As a Marketing Representative with the Department of Labor Career Center in Georgia, Mr. Maney changes the downhill direction of the unemployed every day. His job is to motivate, encourage and inspire clients into believing in their ability to find and keep a job. The way Mr. Maney describes his job is . . . "Most of my clients, and there have been more than 600 this year, seldom set goals, and when they do, they are not high enough. I teach them that goals have to be higher than anything they have ever done."

His goals in life have been simple. "The keys to my success and to the life I have had to this point have been a positive attitude, a great wife and wonderful home life, and loving interaction with people."

That interaction with people, especially those who are labeled non-custodial parents, and food stamp recipients, has added tremendous value to both his life and work. From his first job as a custodian at Montgomery Ward, to his service in the Korean Conflict, raising six children, and surviving cancer, Mr. Maney has had a full and challenging life. "With all I've been through I would still say that giving people self-worth and hope for a better tomorrow is my proudest accomplishment," says Mr. Maney.

Mr. Speaker, due to the events of last September we were not able to honor Mr. Maney for his accomplishments. I hope that you will join me today to do so.

CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONERS INITIATIVE—SENATE OPENING

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, Americans for a Free Cuba gathered on the Senate steps to officially open the Cuban Political Prisoners Initiative display in the Sen-

ate Russell Office Building. They will be storming the halls of the US Senate tomorrow, urging Senators not to vote for lifting the travel ban on Cuba.

The Business and Agricultural communities have used their vast resources to make their case for lifting sanctions on Cuba at a summit here in Washington, but we know that their case is based on their own self-interest. They have failed to acknowledge or fully consider that lifting sanctions would empower Castro to cling to power and continue his reign of terror over millions of suffering people.

The members of the Americans for a Free Cuba have heroically made the case for those Cubans who cannot speak for themselves because of Castro's brutal and restrictive regime through their silent vigil and demonstration. This is a regime that prohibits freedom in almost every way possible while punishing and imprisoning all opposition. The compelling stories of Cuban defectors clearly demonstrate that many will do whatever they can to escape the dreadful conditions brought about by their totalitarian ruler. Both the people and political prisoners in Cuba as well as those who cherish freedom are counting on Americans to stand up to Castro and keep the pressure on through the embargo.

Thankfully, President Bush is behind The Americans for a Free Cuba 100 percent. I commend President Bush for the strong and unwavering stance he has taken against the Castro regime. The President has made it clear that the United States will work with Cuba only after Castro takes concrete measures to improve the abysmal human rights situation in his country. I support the President's demand to Castro that he must free political prisoners, legalize political activity, permit free elections, and cease discriminating against Cuban workers before Congress should even begin to consider lifting economic sanctions. Administration officials have vowed a Presidential veto to any version of the Treasury-Postal Appropriations bill that weakens trade or travel sanctions on Cuba.

The Cuba Political Prisoners Initiative was initially launched in April when over a dozen members of Congress, from both political parties, adopted a dozen political prisoners. These prisoners each have a unique story but all share in a common suffering because of their love of freedom.

While the Cuba Political Prisoners Initiative was launched this Spring, it will not end until every single Cuban political prisoner is free. I am sending out a letter signed by my colleagues who are part of this initiative to Sergio Vielra de Mello, the new UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, urging him to follow through on the resolution this commission adopted in April that called on the Cuban government to improve its record on human, civil, and political rights and allow the UN and other representatives to examine human rights conditions in Cuba.

Twenty former political prisoners were amongst those gathered on the Senate steps today.

They are the heroes for freedom that endured the horrors of Castro's Cuba and lived to tell about it. Also in attendance was Maritza Lugo Fernandez a former Cuban political prisoner joining us today who was jailed more than 30 times before she was exiled by the Castro regime. Her husband, Rafael Ibarra Roque, is still a political prisoner in Cuba and is the prisoner I have adopted.

Before going to prison, where he has been since 1994, Mr. Roque's home was raided by Castro's thugs, who seized virtually everything he owned of value including the family car, the stove, a television, and even his pets. He was arrested and charged with "sabotage," but no credible evidence whatsoever exists that he committed this crime. Those close to the case know his real "crime" was having the courage and audacity to speak out against the regime and demand the same freedoms Americans—and other freedom loving people hold to be self-evident and a basic foundation for society.

Mr. Roque has been sentenced to twenty years in the wretched Combinado del Este Prison in Havana where political prisoners are subjected to especially brutal treatment. The State Department's 2001 Human Rights report on Cuba speaks of political prisoners suffering beatings, intimidation, and sexual abuse. These abuses are carried out not only by prison officials but also by state security agents posing as prisoners.

Unfortunately Mr. Roque's case is not an exception but rather the norm for human rights activists in Cuba. Hundreds of others whose only crime is their love of freedom languish in Castro's prisons and the Cuban people on a whole have suffered under the terror of his rule for over 40 years.

The Cuba Political Prisoners Initiative display that we have opened in the Senate Rotunda is somber but will serve as an important reminder of the hundreds of innocent Cubans languishing in Castro's prisons for all Senators, Senate staff, and visitors who pass by it each day. I am confident that when the American people and members of Congress hear the true facts about the great human rights abuses occurring in Cuba, and fully consider the great harm Castro seeks to do our nation through working with terrorist states and harboring fugitives of justice, they will agree that keeping sanctions on Cuba is our only option.

The challenge of fighting for human rights in Cuba remains great. However, we must never give up and we must never, ever forget those who are persecuted for carrying the torch of freedom.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF TERRORIST ATTACKS LAUNCHED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to the victims of the tragic events of one year ago. Last year on September 11th Americans awoke to a brutal attack on our country on its own soil. Throughout the course of this one tragic day, something that at once seemed inconceivable became a horrific reality. No one feels the pain of this day more acutely than the families and friends of the more than 3,000 people who

lost their lives at the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All of these people and their families are in our thoughts and prayers on this somber occasion.

Although there is little that we in Congress can do to ease those families' suffering, by adopting this resolution, we are reaffirming our commitment to honor the memory of the people who were lost that day, while also paying tribute to those individuals who unselfishly risked their own lives to protect others.

Mr. Speaker, September 11th was one of the most difficult days in American history. But in the darkness of that day, an incredible spirit of bravery and hope emerged. Hundreds of emergency rescue personnel descended upon the scene at both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon with the sole purpose of assisting others. At the same time, ordinary people demonstrated amazing courage by trying to help others escape while putting themselves in peril and in fighting back against the terrorists on United Flight 93. It is truly remarkable how many people gave their lives trying to protect others. The bravery and generosity of these people is a lasting mark of September 11th.

In responding to these extraordinarily trying times, the true fabric of American society was illustrated to the world. Americans around the world came together and generously gave of themselves in a myriad of ways. Rescue workers spent countless hours at ground zero searching for survivors and then shuffling through the debris. Construction workers, ironworkers and other personnel tirelessly worked their way through the wreckage in an effort to clean up the site. Their important task would not be interrupted by exhaustion, injury or inclement weather. However, far away from ground zero, and across the globe, people generously gave their time, energy, money and caring to help support the loved ones of the lost victims. Today, we honor these selfless contributions.

As we gather now, one year later, it is my hope that we never forget the spirit that pervaded this country in the weeks and months following the attacks. As we continue to rebuild and to heal, we will need to draw upon that strength. The American people demonstrated amazing resolve and resilience in the last year, and it is a resolve that we must continue to maintain, day by day, week by week, this year and for many years, that we will preserve our freedoms, protect our families, and work to cleanse the world of the scourge of terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, in the wake of September 11th, Congress rallied in a strong bipartisan manner to quickly pass legislative measures to protect our country. It was this remarkable unity of purpose that most struck me when I was sworn into this body in October of last year. Over time, this unity has dissipated some, but our goal should remain clear. We in Congress owe it to the American people to do all that we can to make sure that the necessary resources are available to protect our country. This is a serious responsibility and not one that should be burdened by partisan debate. In the coming months, we must act responsibly and decisively to ensure that the people of the United States once again feel safe in their own cities and towns. I commend the leadership of both the Republican and

Democratic parties for recognizing this important anniversary and for introducing this thoughtful resolution.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF LA JARA

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to honor the town of La Jara, Colorado as a beacon of western spirit and pride for over a century. I am proud to have the pleasure of applauding a growing community that strengthens our society's values. The town is truly an inspirational token, established and sustained through determination and hard work and I am honored to pay tribute to the town today.

La Jara was incorporated on March 11, 1902 with Mayor Austin Valdez as the founding father and trailblazer for the town. La Jara settlers moved into the region to establish a better life and brought with them the vision and the tools to build a thriving community. La Jara's settlers first migrated West following the railroad and its expansionists prospects. The settlers lived in the region with no more than a few brick houses and a water tower and, although the lifestyle for each settler was hard and troublesome, the determination of those early pioneers laid the foundation that has upheld through the ages.

Initial settlement of the town is due in large to the San Luis Valley Company of the 1800s. In 1888, the company orchestrated a large sales campaign and sold numerous plots of land in La Jara. These plots motivated migrants to establish homes and settle the land in the valley, leading to a population boom by the 1890's. Today La Jara exists as an established town with all the essential functions and amenities of a metropolitan city.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my admiration and gratitude to the town and residents of La Jara, Colorado before this body of Congress and this nation. Truly the seeds of success have been planted in La Jara and are bringing forth the best for future generations.

TRIBUTE TO KIM ROAM

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a longtime community leader in eastern Jackson County, MO, will be receiving the Citizen of the Year Award at the Truman Heartland Community Foundation annual benefit dinner. Mr. Kim Roam has demonstrated a strong commitment to the area and has helped to ensure a brighter future for the community.

Mr. Roam began his community activity in the county in 1983 after he joined the law firm Cochran, Oswald, McDonald Roam & Moore, P.C. Since that time he has served as Presi-

dent of the Blue Springs Jaycees, Chairman of the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, Grain Valley School District Parent Teacher Support Board Member, the Valley Arts and Beautification Council Member and a member of the Grain Valley Optimist Club.

Mr. Roam has also enjoyed recognition for being spotlighted as Blue Springs' Outstanding Citizen of 1994, as Rotary Citizen of the Year 1995, and as co-recipient of the Commerce Bank William T. Kemper Foundation Blue Springs Community Service Award, which he shared with his spouse, Debbie.

Mr. Kim Roam has distinguished himself as a community leader in eastern Jackson County. He has and continues to make his friends and family proud. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in wishing Kim Roam and his family all the best.

COMMEMORATIVE JOINT MEETING
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SPEECH OF

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2002

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in the House and Senate in commemorating the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001, during our special session of Congress held in Federal Hall in New York, New York.

On the days following the attacks on September 11th, Americans across the country came together to demonstrate the strength and resiliency of this great country. It is in that same spirit that we stand together today—both Republicans and Democrats—to reaffirm that strength and resiliency by showing a strong bipartisan expression that we are first and foremost Americans and are committed to protecting the freedoms and values that make this country great.

As we go through this week and revisit some of the darkest moments in our nation's history, we must remember that our nation has always been one that has triumphed over adversity. At times of great despair, America has consistently risen to its greatest hours.

In remembrance of those lives lost on September 11th and to heroes that emerged on that fateful day, I would like to close with some words from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:

"that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion . . . that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain . . . that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom . . . and that government of the people . . . by the people . . . for the people . . . shall not perish from the earth."

May God bless America.

TRIBUTE TO MS. DOROTHY "DOT"
B. THOMAS

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Dorothy "Dot" B. Thomas a Community Developer for Central Savannah River Area Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA) in Augusta, Georgia. Ms. Thomas is the recipient of Experience Works' 2002 Older Worker of the Year award for my home state of Georgia.

Dot Thomas began her career at the EOA in 1971. Beginning first as a Community Developer, she studied and worked her way up to the Coordinator of the Energy Assistance Program. In 1996 she retired, but soon found herself back at EOA volunteering, mentoring new staff, and offering friendly advice based on her many years of experience. She was so valuable to the EOA that when a part-time position became available in 2000, Dot was convinced to come back to work saying . . . "I so enjoy working, learning new things, and interacting with others that I sometimes wonder why I retired."

In her current position as Community Developer, Dot works with families in need—assisting them with energy assistance, food, rent, clothing, etc. She says her most important contribution at EOA is giving people hope. "I want them to feel better about themselves when they leave my office. Many times people come in looking so bad. But when I can say something to make them feel better about themselves and their circumstances, it just makes my day special!" Lola Johnson, director of the EOA, contributes Ms. Thomas' professional success to the heart and soul she puts into her work. "Of all the accomplishments Dot has made over her years of service to our agency and the Central Savannah River Area community, probably the most important and long-lasting ones involve the impact she has had on the clients we serve as well as on her co-workers."

Dot's dedication to improving the quality of people's lives doesn't end with her job. She loves and lends support to her husband of 50+ years, Ernest, and to the rest of her family; she makes a "joyful noise" in her church choir; and she volunteers at the local soup kitchen. She has also been an active member of the Georgia Community Action Association for more than 30 years. Ms. Johnson sums it up best, being a human services worker is not what Dot does for a living, "it's who Dot Thomas is."

Mr. Speaker, please join me and all Georgians in congratulating Dot Thomas.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ST. ANTHONY
HOSPITALS' FLIGHT FOR LIFE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding organization that continuously renders emergency medical aid at a moments notice. The St. Anthony Hos-

pitals' Flight for Life program based in Denver, Colorado has saved thousands of lives since its inception. It is with great pleasure I stand and honor these courageous men and women who are so willingly dedicate their lives to help those in crisis.

Founded in 1972, Flight for Life was the first civilian emergency air ambulance in the nation. Some 200 air ambulance programs all over the world have since patterned their emergency response units after Flight for Life's excellence. This commendable program serves the people of Colorado and eight surrounding states, and its members have registered over 65,000 missions in the first 30 years of service. Over its history, Flight for Life's crews responded to the 1976 gondola accident in Vail, Colorado; the 1985 Keystone Teller Lift collapse; and the Columbine High School shootings in 2000, among the thousands of missions flown. Medical missions have taken them to 40 states as well as Canada, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

In order to meet each challenge, Flight for Life maintains an elite core of medical professionals and pilots; each one with specialized experience and that allows them to react professionally to any life-threatening experience in a variety of environments. To help in that mission, the program also maintains a mountain base outside the Denver Metro area, the highest medical helicopter base in the country, at the Summit Medical Center in Frisco, Colorado. From there, they operate a specialized avalanche rescue team and often help transport search teams to the scene. With so many professions ready to respond to any emergency situation, Flight for Life continues to stand out as a leader in emergency response excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I stand today to pay tribute to the men and women of this organization before this body of Congress and this nation. The Flight for Life program has raised the bar for emergency response throughout the world. These courageous professionals have served the people of this nation with distinction for 30 years and deserve our praise.

IN MEMORY OF SEPTEMBER 11
AND ITS FORGOTTEN VICTIMS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, we are commemorating the terrible attack on America this past September 11. This was a terrible event in which about 3,000 people lost their lives. A year later, they are in our prayers.

Also in our prayers are the other victims—those who were subjected to violent, unfair attacks in the aftermath of September 11. One of these was Balbir Singh Sodhi, a gasoline station owner from Arizona. He was murdered at his gas station by someone who apparently mistook him for a follower of Osama bin Laden. His brother, Sukhpal Singh Sodhi, a cab driver in the San Francisco Bay area, was recently killed in his taxicab. I am sure that we would all like to extend our sympathies to the Sodhi family.

No one should be killed because of his religion. Even if Mr. Sodhi had been a Muslim

and a follower of bin Laden that would not justify murdering him. But what makes this crime even more disturbing is that this perception was a mistake. Mr. Sodhi was a Sikh, not Muslim.

Sikhism is an independent, monotheistic, revealed religion that believes in the equality of all people, including gender equality. It is not part of either Hinduism or Islam, yet because of the turbans they wear, which are required by their religion, Sikhs are sometimes mistaken for Muslim followers of bin Laden.

The violence has mostly ended, but there are still some unrelated violent incidents. Unfortunately, Balbir Singh Sodhi's brother was also killed just a couple of months ago in his taxicab outside San Francisco. I call for an end to all these attacks and for full and prompt prosecution of all the people responsible.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the Council of Khalistan's recent press release on the anniversary of September 11 into the RECORD at this time.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE KILLED IN LAST YEAR'S
ATTACK ON UNITED STATES

Sikhs Suffered the Most After the Attacks

Council of Khalistan Condemns Attacks,
Calls for End to Violence Against Minorities

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 11, 2002.—Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today remembered the attacks on America a year ago that killed almost 3,000 Americans. He also condemned the violence against Sikh Americans and other minorities that broke out in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

"On behalf of the 21-million strong Sikh Nation and especially on behalf of more than 500,000 Sikh Americans, we remember with sadness and outrage the attacks on America a year ago and offer our prayers and sympathies on this sad anniversary to the people of the United States for the terrible attack on the United States and for the loss of life it entails," Dr. Aulakh said. "We especially pray for the families of those who have departed."

"America must do what it can to eradicate terrorism from the world," Dr. Aulakh said. "We support all the efforts to do so and we must do our part as American citizens," he said. "This sad anniversary reminds us that we stand together as a nation. We must show unity on this occasion."

"We also condemn the violence against Sikhs and other minorities that took place last year after the September 11 attacks," Dr. Aulakh said. "Sikhs suffered the most in the post-September 11 violence," he said. "The very first victim of this violence was Balbir Singh Sodhi, a Sikh gasoline station owner from the Phoenix area," he noted. Recently, his brother was killed in his taxicab. All this violence must stop," Dr. Aulakh said.

"Nobody should be killed for his or her religion, whether Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, or whatever religion one may follow," Dr. Aulakh said. "But it is important to note that Sikhs are not Muslims nor followers of bin Laden. We condemn bin Laden," he said. "Unfortunately, because of the turbans we are required to wear, many people mistake Sikhs for bin Laden followers," he said. "The Sikh religion is an independent, monotheistic, sovereign religion that believes in the equality of the whole human race, including gender equality," he said. "Daily we pray for the well being of the whole human race."

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, a couple of young Sikhs were attacked in

Brooklyn. Sikh businesses have been stoned and cars have been burned. A Sikh boy was even shot in New York. Many Muslims and other minorities were also subjected to violent attacks.

"We hope that there will not be any more of these incidents in connection with the anniversary of the attacks. "Violence against innocent people of any religion or ethnicity is unacceptable," said Dr. Aulakh. "It must be condemned and the violence must be ended."

TRIBUTE TO MR. SAMUEL J.
TENENBAUM

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a longtime friend, Mr. Samuel J. Tenenbaum of Lexington, SC. On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, Mr. Tenenbaum will receive the Lifetime Achievement award in the area of philanthropy from the Columbia Urban League Guild.

The Columbia Urban League is a non-profit organization that works for equal opportunity for everyone. The Columbia Urban League Guild is an affiliate and volunteer arm of the Columbia Urban League. The Lifetime Achievement Award is an award given to an individual who has made significant contributions to Columbia, the Midlands region, and the state.

A 1961 graduate of Savannah Country Day School, Mr. Tenenbaum graduated from Emory University with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in History. He went on to do graduate studies in American Studies at the University of Minnesota. In 1967, he went to work in his family business, Chatham Steel Corporation, from which he retired in 2000 as Vice-President.

An outstanding citizen of the State of South Carolina, Mr. Tenenbaum presently serves as chairman of the Alston Wilkes Foundation, trustee of both the Columbia Jewish Foundation and the Columbia Museum of Art, and chairman of the Alumni Advisory Committee to the Institute of Jewish Studies at Emory University. He is also a member of Habitat for Humanity, First Union Bank Advisory Board, The Richard W. Riley Institute of Furman University, and The Kosmos Club.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Sam for longer than either of us care to remember. He has been a driving force behind the scenes in almost every major community initiative affecting the Columbia Metropolitan area. He puts his heart and soul into each and every endeavor whether it is raising money to replace a New York City fire truck lost on September 11th or building bridges between different racial and ethnic groups. Sam Tenenbaum is one of the most dedicated public servants I have ever known who prefers to stay out of the limelight and let his generous spirit speak for itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in commending Mr. Samuel Tenenbaum on his Lifetime Achievement recognition by the Columbia Urban League Guild. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor.

FOSELLA-WATT MOTION TO
INSTRUCT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as we continue our war on terrorism, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to decimate the terrorists that are threatening our very existence and have singled out Americans who represent freedom and democracy, so cherished by our citizens.

I strongly support the Fossella-Watt motion to instruct which will finally allow American victims of international terrorism to receive compensation from blocked assets—judgments they were already awarded.

Last week, we commemorated the anniversary of 9/11. A day that marked the most devastating acts ever committed on U.S. soil.

There may not be another Member of Congress who lost more constituents in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center than I did.

I knew countless number of victims and their families and one year later, the pain and hardship go on. No amount of money can bring back our loved ones, but this motion to instruct can work to prevent future tragic acts of terrorism.

It paralyzes the financial resources of those terrorist organizations and increases our ability to go after the sources of funding for these organizations and cells. It sends a message to terrorists that we will not stand for the murder of innocent Americans. And, those who target Americans will be punished.

The United States must use every tool in its arsenal—military, diplomatic, and legal—to protect Americans and other innocent parties against these random acts of terror.

The Fossella-Watt motion to instruct is a tool to weaken the terrorist grip.

I urge my colleagues to retain this provision in the final version of the Terrorism Insurance bill.

TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY ROGER R. RAPP

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Roger R. Rapp, who on October 3, 2002, will be retiring after serving 30 years at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Roger personifies the steadfast career civil servant. He began his federal career at the Veterans Health Administration in 1972, advancing through various positions which included field assignments at VA medical centers in Dayton, Ohio, and Washington, DC. Ultimately, Roger moved to the National Cemetery Administration (NCA), where he served as the director of the National Cemetery Area Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1987, Roger was named Director of Field Operations for the NCA. In March of 2000, his title was changed to that which it is today, Deputy

Under Secretary for Operations. As the one responsible for operations and construction at NCA, Roger has personally visited each of the 120 VA National Cemeteries.

Roger's dedication to veterans and their families is apparent to all who know him, and he truly is a man with a vision. He has been a leading voice in ensuring the expansion of existing cemeteries, development of new national cemeteries, and expanding the State Cemetery Grants Program. Through his leadership, the number of national cemeteries increased from 103 in 1973 when NCA was formed, to the current 120; five new national cemeteries are currently in the planning stages.

It is said that Roger knows the majority of NCA employees nationwide on a first name basis, and he has devoted his career to helping all VA employees take pride in their jobs and focus on the needs of veterans. Owing to his leadership, NCA scored 93 percent on the American Customer Satisfaction Index, the highest score of any federal government entity. Roger was also instrumental in establishing the Director Training Programs to provide upward mobility and career advancement for VA employees throughout the system. Additionally, he's contributed significantly over the years to Leadership VA, the agency's executive development program.

Mr. Speaker, Roger Rapp is an advocate for veterans and has dedicated 30 years to this advocacy—20 years with the National Cemetery Administration alone. And when the situation called for it, he has done so with humor and selflessness. Indeed, Roger was a lucid and forthright witness when testifying before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Thank you, Roger, for your dedication to America's veterans. You are leaving, a lasting legacy of dedicated federal service.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL RICHMOND

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Michael Richmond, President and CEO of The Woodlands Operating Company, as he prepares to retire from 30 years of dedication and service to The Woodlands Community.

Michael Richmond is a visionary. He shared in the original vision for The Woodlands almost from the very inception when he joined George Mitchell and his team in 1972.

During these past 30 years, Michael's career moved rapidly within The Woodlands Corporation and then into The Woodlands Operating Company. He became treasurer, then senior financial officer and moved into the operations area as senior vice president of commercial development. In 1985 he was named executive vice president of the company with responsibilities encompassing commercial, The Woodlands Conference Center and Resort, investment properties, apartments, office buildings, industrial development and retail shopping centers. Today, thanks to Michael's leadership, The Woodlands is a model of success.

In his three decades of service and exemplary performance in developing The Woodlands, the new owners Morgan Stanley and

Crescent Operating, Inc. named him president and COO in November 1997. He was named President and CEO on November 1, 1998. Currently, Michael is serving on numerous boards and is affiliated with many community services. When he heard Michael was retiring, George Mitchell stated "I hate to see it, Mike is a very knowledgeable person. He did a great job of keeping the vision alive."

Mr. Speaker, please join me and the citizens of The Woodlands, Texas, in thanking and congratulating Michael Richmond on a job well done.

COMMEMORATIVE JOINT MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS AND HEROES OF SEPTEMBER 11 2001, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE COURAGE AND SPIRIT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FEDERAL HALL, NEW YORK, NY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2002

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, it's hard to believe that it's been almost a full year since that awful day. On September 11, 2001, all the world saw the very face of evil. And on that day and every day since, we have felt the heartbeat of America.

For me, the most enduring image of 9/11 was the sight of the Pentagon on fire after the terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into our nation's military headquarters. A thick black smoky cloud oozed from the Pentagon and hung over the banks of the Potomac River. I will never forget seeing with my own eyes that proud building engulfed in flames. Then the whole world watched TV in stunned disbelief as the twin towers of the World Trade Center came crumbling down in a fiery wreck of twisted steel.

On that day, America was changed forever. But, the test in life is not whether or not you ever get knocked down. The true test is whether you have the courage, pride and determination to get back up again. Every day since September 11, the people of this country have gotten back up.

We Americans from all walks of life have pulled together like never before. We have stood united to tell our enemies that the spirit of America will never be broken. We will not rest until we have eliminated Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network.

In the year since 9/11, we have come to treasure the service and sacrifice of ordinary Americans and extraordinarily heroic. The selfless devotion of the firefighters, police, EMS and other public servants in New York City and the Pentagon have given us new appreciation for our hometown heroes whose everyday service does so much to strengthen our communities. The dedicated professionalism of our men and women in uniform renew our pride in our country and make us thankful for our many, many blessings. And the incredible story of the passengers of the hijacked plane who fought back and prevented the tragic events of that day from being even worse in-

spires us all to take charge and give back to our country.

September 11 taught us anew the immeasurable strength of the uniquely American ideal of "We, the people." As we memorialize the lives lost one year ago, let us also celebrate the renewed spirit of America that has been reinvigorated by the service and sacrifice of so many ordinary citizens and inspirational heroes.

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR NATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an outstanding member of our military, and native of my district, whose impressive service in the United States Navy makes our district, our country, and me very proud.

Vince McBeth was born the fourth child of Velma McBeth-Slaughter and the late Manuel M. McBeth in Camden, Arkansas. In 1983, he graduated from Fairview High School, where his impressive athletic and academic performance earned him many honors. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was Captain of the Navy Football Team as well as an officer on the Brigade Staff.

Upon receiving a commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, McBeth completed division officer tours aboard two guided-missile frigates, USS *Duncan* and USS *John A. Moore*, and a guided-missile cruiser, USS *Antietam*, in Long Beach, California. He then served as Operations Officer aboard the USS *Barry* in Norfolk, Virginia.

At age 30, McBeth became one of the youngest officers to command a warship. As Commanding Officer of the USS *Tempest*, McBeth commanded more than 50 special warfare missions while deployed to the European and Caribbean theaters. After earning a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, McBeth returned to serve as Executive Officer of the USS *Barry*. He now serves as a Commander in the U.S. Navy and the Administrative Aide to the Secretary of the Navy. McBeth was recently appointed as a White House Fellow.

McBeth's service to our country extends beyond his actions in the military. He has coordinated Adopt-A-School programs in several communities and implemented U.S. Embassy-sponsored community relations projects in numerous countries abroad. His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, and three Navy Achievement Medals.

Throughout his life, McBeth has sought to better himself, his community, and his country. He is a model for today's youth of what is possible through hard work, discipline, and most of all, compassion. I congratulate him on his recent White House appointment, and I wish him luck in what I know will be many more selfless years of service to our great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 384, 385, and 386, had I been present, I would have voted "yea"; on rollcall No. 387, "nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, because of commitments in my home State of Wisconsin, I was unable to vote on rollcall Nos. 375 through 386. Had I been present, I would have voted:

"Aye," on rollcall No. 375; "Aye," on rollcall No. 376; "Aye," on rollcall No. 377; "Aye," on rollcall No. 378; "Aye," on rollcall No. 379; "Aye," on rollcall No. 380; "Aye," on rollcall No. 381; "Aye," on rollcall No. 382; "Aye," on rollcall No. 383; "Aye," on rollcall No. 384; "Aye," on rollcall No. 385; and "Aye," on rollcall No. 386.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ADAM CURRY

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Adam Curry of Clifton, Colorado for the recent contribution he has made to the advancement of science. An undergraduate student at Mesa State College and only 18 years old, Adam has invented an earthquake warning system that has received much attention from numerous people throughout the scientific community.

Adam Curry has shown lots of interest and enthusiasm for electronics throughout his life. As a kid, Adam spent afternoons taking apart various appliances around the house to try to understand how they operated. Today, the curiosity of Adam's childhood has developed into an extraordinary talent for electrical engineering. Adam has just recently developed an electronic device that measures minute amounts of electron activity related to earthquakes and uses gravity to create a computer language. The language can then be transmitted through the Internet to warn that an earthquake is coming. The invention is significant because it provides scientists around the world with the ability to measure earthquake activity.

Over the summer, Adam traveled extensively throughout the country and Eastern Europe to enlighten the scientific community to the utility of his new earthquake warning system. He hopes to have his new invention placed in 20 different locations throughout the world. He has met with many scientists from prestigious universities such as the University of Virginia, Harvard University, and the University of St. Petersburg, and from all accounts,

everyone is very excited about the possibilities that his earthquake warning system has to offer. Currently, Adam is in the process of modifying his invention into a smaller, more convenient prototype that can be installed directly into a user's computer.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Adam Curry before this body of Congress and this nation for his outstanding accomplishment in the fields of science and electronics. It is very satisfying and encouraging to see our upcoming generation of young people committed to the prosperity of knowledge and to the progress of academic achievement. Adam Curry has only begun to reveal the true merits of his potential, and we shall witness many more accomplishments and contributions from him in the years to come. Congratulations on your achievement, Adam, and keep up the good work.

14TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPRISING OF THE BURMESE PEOPLE

HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, today is the 14th anniversary of the uprising of the Burmese people against the drug dealing military dictatorship that rules their nation. On this solemn occasion we need to ask ourselves what we can do to help those brave people help themselves.

The people of Burma and their elected leaders, Aung San Suu Kyi and members of the National League for Democracy (the NLD), have struggled for over a decade to bring an end to the military dictatorship. In 1991 Daw Aung San Suu Kyi won the Nobel Peace Prize for defying great odds in standing firm against this heinous regime. She has spent years under house arrest and hundreds of members of her political party, the National League for Democracy, have disappeared into Burma's notorious prison system.

Fourteen years ago the Army slaughtered thousands in cold blood on the streets of Rangoon and imprisoned and tortured thousands more.

The people of Burma believe that the people and the government of our great Nation stand strongly behind them. Today some governments in the world are struggling to decide whether or not to support the war against terrorism while they sponsor acts of domestic terrorism against their own citizens. We need to ensure that we keep the friends that we have by not making any deals with such governments as the Burmese junta or Chinese communists. By supporting the people of Burma over the totalitarian regime that is currently in power, we will not only help the people of Burma to help free themselves but we will be creating the good will in the future that will enable us to fight terrorism in that area of the world.

Lately though, I have seen some news about Burma that greatly disturbs me. The military dictators have come knocking on the door of the United States asking for money for what they call humanitarian aid, while simultaneously spending \$130 million on MIG fighter planes from the Russians. This is nonsensical.

We should not waste American taxpayer money on aid money that encourages the regime to spend more on weapons. We should also not forget who has caused the humanitarian crisis in Burma and why. The regime is entirely responsible for the sufferings of the Burmese people; their lack of good governance—any form of governance—has resulted in a debacle of the public health sector.

Even more disturbing than this, however, I have recently seen evidence that the military regime has sent its scientists to Russia to learn to build a nuclear reactor. The United States must do everything in its power to ensure this does not happen. The Burmese regime has proven repeatedly not only its callous brutality, but complete disregard for international opinion. Nuclear power in the hands of the Burmese dictators that terrorize their own people makes Southeast Asia and the world a more dangerous place.

The United States and the international community ought to inform the Burmese junta that in no uncertain terms it should immediately begin full-scale political talks with the elected leaders of Burma, the National League for Democracy, and ethnic nationalities aimed at speedy transition to democracy. I have met many of the leaders of Burma's struggle for freedom myself and I can tell you they would be outstanding partners for the United States and the world. In the meantime, to ignore the threat posed by an armed, nuclear Burmese military regime would be a serious error.

HONORING THE CAREER OF REDONDO COUNCILMAN KEVIN SULLIVAN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of a constituent and friend—Redondo Beach City Councilman Kevin Sullivan, who resigned from the city council earlier this year.

As a dedicated council member, Kevin served the city of Redondo Beach for more than five years. He was a representative from the Second District of the city, which includes not only my district office but also both a power plant and a beautiful harbor. Kevin knew how to balance the needs of these two potentially competing interests.

In general, Kevin's career was focused on the best interests of the community, from his seat on a local committee against LAX expansion to holding local town meetings for the public. He was a person who could be counted on to take care of the community's needs while making the time to return his constituents' phone calls.

Kevin has always been there for the community. As a union leader for many years, he was thought of as a great negotiator. His skills served the people in his union while gaining him respect from others who watched him fight for causes he thought worthy. He never ducked the tough fights.

I loved Kevin's Boston accent—which fit in particularly well at the Redondo Lobster Festival. He knows everyone, and I have been fortunate over many years to have his strong support and help.

Mr. Speaker, I am sorry that Kevin has decided to leave public service, but I expect he will return one day. Meanwhile, I am certain I will miss his smile, pleasant humor and good deeds. He has added a great deal. Well done, my friend!

OPPOSING THE WAR ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I remain strongly opposed to the continued efforts by President Bush, Attorney General Ashcroft and the Administration to seriously endanger our country's civil liberties. In the aftermath of the September 11 tragedies, Congress moved quickly to enact sweeping legislation granting additional powers to federal, state and local law enforcement authorities in the name of fighting terrorism. I voted against that measure because I believed, and still believe, that such measures intrude significantly on the important civil liberties that make American democracy invaluable and unique.

The "anti-terrorism" legislation contained numerous provisions that had little or nothing to do with the war on terrorist activities. Amongst other things, the law authorized covert searches for any Federal criminal investigation, including the IRS, without restricting those to terrorist activities; provided for unprecedented wiretapping authority; gave access to confidential financial and medical information granted by a secret court; and allowed indefinite detention of immigrants solely on the basis of suspicion.

In a September 10, 2002 editorial, the New York Times outlines the continuing and substantial nature of the assault on our civil liberties. In the wake of September 11, the administration has shown its "contempt for basic rights in its enthusiasm for military tribunals."

Today, one year after the events that so tragically shook the nation, our precious civil liberties continue to be endangered in the name of "anti-terrorism efforts." Such a secret, covert and, ultimately un-American agenda serves only to increase paranoia, rouse unnecessary public fear and stifle the protections that are fundamental to freedom, democracy and an open society. Rather than increasing security, such actions serve only to asphyxiate the public trust. Rather than protecting against terrorism, the foundations and principles upon which American democracy exist are slowly being eroded. The 4th Amendment was created for the purpose of ensuring our rights and protecting against the very violations to which our government would now subject us. The war on terror can be fought without surrendering our rights. As so amply stated in the New York Times, "Fear is no guide to the Constitution. We must fight the enemies abroad without yielding to those at home."

I urge my colleagues to read the September 10, 2002 New York Times editorial entitled, "The War on Civil Liberties."

[From the New York Times, Sept. 10, 2002]

THE WAR ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

It would be easy to dismiss the harm that has been done to our civil liberties in the past year. Most of us do not know anyone

whose rights have been seriously curtailed. The 1,200 detainees rounded up after Sept. 11 and held in secret were mainly Muslim men with immigration problems. So were the people the government tried to deport in closed hearings. The two Americans who were labeled "enemy combatants," hustled off to military brigs and denied the right even to meet with a lawyer, are a Saudi American man captured in Afghanistan and a onetime Chicago gang member.

There is also no denying that the need for effective law enforcement is greater than ever. The Constitution, Justice Arthur Goldberg once noted, is not a suicide pact.

And yet to curtail individual rights, as the Bush administration has done, is to draw exactly the wrong lessons from history. Every time the country has felt threatened and tightened the screws on civil liberties, it later wished it had not done so. In each case—whether the barring of government criticism under the Sedition Act of 1798 and the Espionage Act of 1918, the internment of Japanese-Americans in World War II or the McCarthyite witch hunts of the cold war—profound regrets set in later.

When we are afraid, as we have all been this year, civil liberties can seem abstract. But they are at the core of what separates this country from nearly all others; they are what we are defending when we go to war. To slash away at liberty in order to defend it is not only illogical, it has proved to be a failure. Yet that is what has been happening.

Since last September, the Bush administration has held people in prison indefinitely and refused to tell the public who is being held or even how many detainees there are. No less odious than the administration's secret arrests are its secret trials. The government has barred the public and the press from deportation hearings for immigrants suspected of ties to terrorism.

The administration has also shown contempt for basic rights in its enthusiasm for military tribunals. In November, when President Bush first issued the order setting these up, it seemed the administration wanted to try anyone alleged to have ties to terrorism, even American citizens arrested in the United States, in military courts. Faced with an uproar, the administration backed down, announcing that the tribunals would accord defendants some rights. It then decided to try several prominent terrorism suspects in civilian courts.

This summer the administration unveiled, with great fanfare, the TIPS program (for Terrorism Information and Prevention System), to recruit Americans to spy on their fellow Americans. As originally conceived, TIPS was to include mail carriers, utility workers and others with access to people's homes. Again, after a popular outcry the administration scaled TIPS back.

In times of conflict, the president seeks to increase his power. Congress, sensitive to public fears over safety, cannot always be counted on to stand up to him. That leaves the Judiciary and members of the public to worry about the trampling of rights. This year a number of judges have stood out for their courage. Gladys Kessler, of Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., declared that secret arrests were "odious to a democratic society," and ordered the government to release the names of all detainees. It has not done so. And Judge Robert Doumar of Federal District Court in Norfolk, Va., who is presiding over one of the "enemy combatant" cases, recently told prosecutors to submit documents for his review so he could determine if the defendant was in fact an enemy combatant. The Justice Department, disgracefully, defied his order.

As the Bush administration continues down its path, the American people need to

make clear that they have learned from history and will not allow their rights to be rolled back. The world has changed since Sept. 11, but the values this country was founded on have not. Fear is no guide to the Constitution. We must fight the enemies of freedom abroad without yielding to those at home.

FIRE ISLAND AND THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, as the House begins the process of reauthorizing the Water Resources Development Act, I wanted to inform my colleagues of correspondence between myself, the gentleman from New York, Mr. GRUCCI, and the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Les Brownlee.

Mr. GRUCCI and I wrote to the Assistant Secretary in June to note the fact that, in our opinion, the Army Corps of Engineers has not suitably complied with Section 342 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999. I ask that our letter of June 19, 2002 be printed in the RECORD at this point.

Today my office received a reply from the Assistant Secretary, which I now ask be printed in the RECORD. In his reply, the Assistant Secretary noted that the Army Corps "deferred all investigations on the Fire Island Interim project in July 2001" due to the State's desire to focus on the Fire Island Reformulation project, which is slated to end in November 2005.

I bring these letters to the attention of my colleagues to help them in their deliberations on the Water Resources Development Act.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, June 19, 2002.

Hon. CRAIG MANSON,
Assistant Secretary for Fish & Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of the Interior,
Washington, DC.

Hon. LES BROWNLEE,
Under Secretary of the Army and Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, U.S. Department of the Army, Washington, DC.

DEAR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MANSON AND UNDER SECRETARY BROWNLEE: In 1999, the Congress passed, and the President signed, the Water Resources Development Act of 1999. Within that legislation was a Section of particular concern to us as Representatives of the South Shore of Suffolk County, New York. Section 342 of that law concerns the Fire Island Interim Project (FIIP), a routine beach nourishment project made necessary by the severe northeast storms of 1991-96. Those storms gravely weakened the barrier island, which protects the communities of the South Shore.

In an effort to resolve differences between the Army Corps of Engineers, the Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, the statute required your agencies to "complete all procedures and reviews expeditiously and to adopt and submit to Congress, not later than 120 days after the date of enactment . . . a mutually acceptable shore erosion plan for the Fire Island to Moriches Inlet reach of the project." Almost three years have passed, but Congress has yet to receive such a plan. This continued inaction raises serious concerns as to why your agencies could not agree on a plan that would

allow this beach preservation effort to go forward.

As you may know, the FIIP is an interim segment of a storm damage reduction and hurricane protection plan authorized by Congress more than 40 years ago. It arose in response to a request by New York State for Corps recommendations in the wake of the storms of the early 1990s. The Corps recommended, and then-Governor Cuomo's Coastal Erosion Task Force endorsed, a project that would serve as a bridge to a final "reformulated" plan for protecting Long Island's South Shore. Unfortunately, this important project has been constantly delayed.

This project is fully justified economically on the basis of reduction of storm damage to properties, both on the barrier island and in low-lying areas of the mainland. It is also of vital importance to the region's tourist economy and to the continued health of wildlife habitat, including that of certain endangered species, on the barrier. We are also concerned by the fact that despite a clear legal mandate, your agencies have not given Congress a "mutually acceptable shore erosion plan for the Fire Island to Moriches Inlet reach of the project."

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing a response from your agencies as soon as possible and we hope to work with you in the future to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.,
STEVE ISRAEL,
Members of Congress.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, OFFICE
OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
CIVIL WORKS

Washington DC, September 17, 2002.

Hon. STEVEN J. ISRAEL,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN ISRAEL: Thank you for your letter of June 19, 2002, co-signed by Congressman Felix J. Grucci, Jr. concerning the Fire Island Interim project and the Congressional directive contained in Section 342 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999.

In accordance with the 1999 Partnership Agreement between the Departments of Army and Interior, the New York District prepared a draft decision document for the Fire Island Interim project. This project was a short-term project to reduce the potential for storm damages along the south shore of Long Island until completion and implementation of a more comprehensive plan, which could result from the ongoing reformulation study for Fire Island Inlet to Montauk Point. In a letter dated December 17, 1999, Dr. Joseph Westphal wrote to the Speaker of the House concerning our progress, specifically noting the draft decision document and draft Environmental Impact Statement, and our hope that a mutually acceptable solution would emerge as a result of the public and agency review.

During 2000, the New York District received many comments on the proposed Fire Island Interim project. The Department of Interior and the State of New York shared many concerns. Based on these concerns, the time that had passed to reach agreement on an interim project, and the time remaining to complete the reformulation study, the state decided not to support the proposed interim project. Instead, the State wished to focus on completing the reformulation study. Therefore, the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) deferred all investigations on the Fire Island Interim project in July 2001.

The Corps has currently scheduled completion of the reformulation study in November

2005. All of the cooperating agencies are working towards developing a comprehensive plan, which would address various concerns noted during the evaluation of the interim project. Upon completion and analysis of the reformulation study, there may be an opportunity to construct initial, or separable increments of the overall project. If the particular concern at that time is construction along the Fire Island barrier island, then we will put our efforts towards achieving that goal.

Thank you for your interest in the Civil Works program. I hope that this letter addresses your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

L. BROWNLEE,
Acting Assistant Secretary
of the Army (Civil Works).

COMMEMORATIVE JOINT MEETING
OF THE CONGRESS OF THE
UNITED STATES IN REMEM-
BRANCE OF THE VICTIMS AND
HEROES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001,
AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE
COURAGE AND SPIRIT OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK, FEDERAL
HALL, NEW YORK, NY, FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. BORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 6, 2002

Mr. BORSKI. Mr. Speaker, and my fellow colleagues of the United States Congress, we are here in the City of New York as representatives of a United States that is bound together as never before. It is a tragic bond, as it came at a cost of immeasurable suffering to the people of this great city, and to those who lost their loved ones in the Pentagon or on flight 93 that ended in Shanksville, PA. Today we are gathered in remembrance of the events that pierced our hearts one year ago.

On September 11th, the terrible and violent acts perpetrated against our homeland took the lives of so many innocents. In the days after the attacks, the courage and strength of our rescue workers lifted the spirits of our nation. In the weeks and months following, an outpouring of generosity from every corner of our nation showed that we stand together. Thousands lined up to give blood in a gesture that Americans would share the essence of life with no regard for whom the recipient might be. The continuing work of the young men and women in our armed forces is a declaration that those responsible for such cowardly acts will not escape justice. Today, one year later, we can say that our wound are healing. Our nation has overcome a great deal, and it is unity that has helped us overcome our grief.

We, as public servants, have come together to realize an even greater responsibility to our nation. These memories are a reminder that we must remain vigilant while we rebuild and that we must never allow our greatest treasure, our liberty, to be vulnerable to the will of our enemies.

We will never forget the innocent victims. We will never forget the heroes. It is with their memory in our hearts that we live each day

with a greater sense of purpose and a deeper appreciation for the gifts that we in this nation share.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CON-
GRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, we are commemorating the terrible attack on America on September 11 last year. This was a terrible event in which about 3,000 people lost their lives. A year later, they are in our prayers.

Also in our prayers are the other victims—those who were subjected to violent, unfair attacks in the aftermath of September 11. One of these was Balbir Singh Sodhi, a gasoline station owner from Arizona. He was murdered at his gas station by someone who apparently mistook him for a follower of Osama bin Laden. His brother, Sukhpal Singh Sodhi, a cab driver in the San Francisco Bay area, was recently killed in his taxicab. I am sure that we would all like to extend our sympathies to the Sodhi family.

No one should be killed because of his religion. Even if Mr. Sodhi had been a Muslim and a follower of bin Laden, that would not justify murdering him. But what makes this crime even more disturbing is that this perception was a mistake. Mr. Sodhi was a Sikh, not Muslim.

Sikhism is an independent, monotheistic, revealed religion that believes in the equality of all people, including gender equality. It is not part of either Hinduism or Islam, yet because of the turbans they wear, which are required by their religion, Sikhs are sometimes mistaken for Muslim followers of bin Laden.

The violence has mostly ended, but there are still some unrelated violent incidents. Unfortunately, Balbir Singh Sodhi's brother was also killed just a couple of months ago in his taxicab outside San Francisco. I call for an end to all these attacks and for full and prompt prosecution of all the people responsible.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to place the Council of Khalistan's recent press release on the anniversary of September 11 into the RECORD at this time.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE KILLED IN LAST YEAR'S
ATTACK ON UNITED STATES

SIKHS SUFFERED THE MOST AFTER THE AT-
TACKS; COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN CONDEMNS AT-
TACKS, CALLS FOR END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST
MINORITIES

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 11, 2002.—Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today remembered the attacks on America a year ago that killed almost 3,000 Americans. He also condemned the violence against Sikh Americans and other minorities that broke out in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

“On behalf of the 21-million strong Sikh Nation and especially on behalf of more than 500,000 Sikh Americans, we remember with sadness and outrage the attacks on America a year ago and offer our prayers and sym-

pathies on this sad anniversary to the people of the United States for the terrible attack on the United States and for the loss of life it entails,” Dr. Aulakh said. “We especially pray for the families of those who have departed.”

“America must do what it can to eradicate terrorism from the world,” Dr. Aulakh said. “We support all the efforts to do so and we must do our part as American citizens,” he said. “This sad anniversary reminds us that we stand together as a nation. We must show unity on this occasion.”

“We also condemn the violence against Sikhs and other minorities that took place last year after the September 11 attacks,” Dr. Aulakh said. “Sikhs suffered the most in the post-September 11 violence,” he said. “The very first victim of this violence was Balbir Singh Sodhi, a Sikh gasoline station owner from the Phoenix area,” he noted. “Recently, his brother was killed in his taxicab. All this violence must stop,” Dr. Aulakh said.

“Nobody should be killed for his or her religion, whether Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, or whatever religion one may follow,” Dr. Aulakh said. “But it is important to note that Sikhs are not Muslims nor followers of bin Laden. We condemn bin Laden,” he said. “Unfortunately, because of the turbans we are required to wear, many people mistake Sikhs for bin Laden followers,” he said. “The Sikh religion is an independent, monotheistic, sovereign religion that believes in the equality of the whole human race, including gender equality,” he said. “Daily we pray for the well being of the whole human race.”

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, a couple of young Sikhs were attacked in Brooklyn. Sikh businesses have been stoned and cars have been burned. A Sikh boy was even shot in New York. Many Muslims and other minorities were also subjected to violent attacks.

“We hope that there will not be any more of these incidents in connection with the anniversary of the attacks. “Violence against innocent people of any religion or ethnicity is unacceptable,” said Dr. Aulakh. “It must be condemned and the violence must be ended.”

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CON-
GRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I wish to add my voice to the multitude of Members honoring our Nation and its heroes on September 11, 2002.

Mr. Speaker, although I was back in my district taking part in events commemorating the impact September 11th has had on all of us, I would have voted “Yes” on passage of H. Con. Res. 464. Due to a technical mixup, my name was not added as a cosponsor of this worthy bill, and I wish to state my intention here that I fully support this resolution and its sentiments.

As a former law enforcement officer, I know too well the toll such tragedy takes on individuals—their lives, their families, their future,

and I know too well how difficult, yet how necessary it is to ensure like-minded individuals are prevented from carrying out further attacks.

This resolution makes it clear that while the passage of a year has not softened our

memories, it has shown that we will not bow down to terrorism.

We must find those responsible for the deaths of so many—including my constituent Army Major Kip Taylor who perished in the

Pentagon on that day a year ago—and ensure they face the consequences of their actions.

September 11 brought out the worst in our enemies. Yet it also brought out the best in our citizens. That is what we are honoring today.